

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

<p>The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-v-</p> <p>ACE American Insurance Company,</p>	<p>Plaintiff,</p> <p>Case No. _____</p> <p>Rule 7.1 Statement</p> <p>Defendant.</p>
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Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 [formerly Local General Rule 1.9] and to enable District Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for

The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC (a private non-governmental party)

certifies that the following are corporate parents, affiliates and/or subsidiaries of said party, which are publicly held.

Plaintiff The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC, is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Putnam Investments, LLC, all of whose voting shares are owned by Great-West Lifeco U.S. Inc., which in turn is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Great-West Lifeco Inc., a Canadian corporation whose shares are publicly traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Great-West Lifeco Inc. is a majority-owned subsidiary of Power Financial Corporation, which is also a Canadian corporation whose shares are publicly traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Power Financial Corporation is a majority-owned subsidiary of Power Corporation of Canada, which is also a Canadian corporation whose shares are publicly traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange. A majority of the voting shares of Power Corporation of Canada are owned, directly or through wholly-owned subsidiaries, by The Desmarais Family Residuary Trust, a trust established under the laws of Canada.

Date: May 26, 2016



Signature of Attorney

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